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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephones have not been provided even after issue of O.B. by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of such cases lying pending as on date;

(c) the time by which these connections are likely to be provided;

(d) whether the Government have reviewed the functioning of MTNL; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) In Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) Delhi, the telephones are generally provided after issue of O.B. except few localities where underground cable pairs are not available.

(b) There are 11,731 O.Bs pending as on 14.08.2001 due to non-availability of underground cable pairs.

(c) These connections are planned to be provided by December, 2001.

(d) & (e): The functioning of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) is reviewed periodically. Annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is also signed between Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and the Government and the performance against the targets fixed in the MOU are reviewed.